# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Virginia Electric and Power	)	
Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North	)	ORDER SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2	)	PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUIRING
and Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding	)	PUBLIC NOTICE
Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments	)	
for Electric Utilities	)	

BY THE CHAIR: On August 10, 2021, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC or Company) filed an Application with the Commission Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for Electric Utilities. By its application DENC requested a total fuel recovery increase of approximately \$22 million, effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022. The application further stated the specific per kilowatt-hour (kWh) amounts by which the rates of residential and non-residential customers would be increased.

On August 23, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice. Among other things, the Order scheduled a public hearing in this matter to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering the annual fuel and fuel-related cost recovery proceeding for DENC. In addition, pursuant to Commission Rule R8-55(g) DENC was required to publish notice of the hearing date, time, and the proposed change in fuel and fuel related costs.

On October 14, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Rescheduling Expert Witness Hearings. Among other things, the Order found good cause to reschedule the expert witness hearing in this docket to Monday, November 22, 2021. The Order further found that the date and time of the public witness hearing, and all other procedural guidelines set by the Scheduling Orders, shall remain the same.

On October 29, 2021, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period (Petition). In summary, the Petition requests that the Commission allow the Company to include in its recovery request the deferral balance of the months of July, August, and September 2021 to help mitigate a projected significant under-recovery for the 2022 fuel factor adjustment proceeding due to the recent rise in commodity fuel prices. According to the Petition the inclusion of these months, alongside other revisions, will increase the requested annual

fuel revenue increase from approximately \$22 million to \$26 million. Petition at 3 fn.1. The Petition also seeks to have the Commission schedule an additional public hearing following the evidentiary hearing in this matter that is currently scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2021, so that the Company may comply with Commission Rule R8-55(g) notice and hearing requirements; the Petition further seeks that the Commission require DENC to publish notice of the date and time of the hearing and DENC's modified fuel rate changes.

Also on October 29, 2021, DENC filed supplemental testimony in this docket. Among other things, DENC states that the testimony supports the Company's request for recovery of the deferral balance for the months of July, August, and September 2021 (beyond the end of the Test Year, which concluded on June 30, 2021). The Company further states that it believes that including these additional months of fuel costs in this proceeding due to the recent rise in commodity fuel prices is in the public interest as it will mitigate the projected significant under-recovery for the 2022 fuel factor adjustment proceeding.

Based on the foregoing and the record herein, the Chair finds good cause to schedule an additional public hearing in this docket. The Chair also finds good cause to require that DENC publish the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A providing notice of the additional public hearing.

## IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That an additional public hearing in this docket shall be, and is hereby, scheduled to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering the annual fuel and fuel-related cost recovery proceeding for DENC;
- 2. That DENC shall publish the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication of which shall occur at least 30 days prior to the hearing; and
- 3. That DENC shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled an additional public hearing in the annual fuel charge adjustment cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The additional public witness hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudently incurred fuel and fuel related costs. The Commission is conducting an initial public witness hearing in this proceeding immediately following the public witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 603 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, as well as an expert witness hearing to receive the testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses immediately following the expert witness portions of the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 603 and 604, which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The additional public hearing is being held to allow the opportunity for public comment and testimony on DENC's revised proposed total fuel rates in this proceeding.

On August 10, 2021, DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of the proceeding. By its application DENC requested a total annual fuel revenue increase of approximately \$22 million, effective February 1, 2022, from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. This proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.5118 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.5102 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.5059 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.4907 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.4989 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP

customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$5.12.

Through a Petition to Modify Test Period (Petition) and supplemental testimony filed on October 29, 2021, DENC revised its request to a larger, approximately \$26 million increase, by including the deferral balance of the months of July, August, and September 2021. Accordingly, DENC's proposed fuel revenue increase, including regulatory fee, would result in the following increases for DENC's customers: 0.6094 cents per kWh for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.6077 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.6026 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.5845 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.5941 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. The net effect of this request would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$6.09.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where copies of DENC's application and Petition are available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utility AGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless the writers appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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